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From: Dolph, Becky
Sent: Fri 4/7/2017 10:10:15 PM
Subject: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 4/3/2017
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The Agency received 277 FOIA requests from 4/1/2017 – 4/7/2017. The requests below may be of interest. Please let me know if questions.

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From: Dolph, Becky
Sent: Fri 4/21/2017 10:06:33 PM
Subject: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 4/17/2017
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The Agency received 274 FOIA requests from 4/15/2017 – 4/21/2017. The requests below may be of interest.

Based on the number of FOIAs received daily since 2/17/2017, the Agency is on track to receive over 12,800 FOIAs in FY17, which would be the most requests received in at least the last 10 years, if not longer.

Please let me know if questions.

Thanks,

Becky

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From: Dolph, Becky
Sent: Fri 4/28/2017 8:48:14 PM
Subject: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 4/24/2017
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The Agency received 227 FOIA requests from 4/22/2017 – 4/28/2017. The requests below may be of interest.

Thanks,

Becky

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 3:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan

<wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:



To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Fri 4/14/2017 6:53:31 PM
Subject: FW: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 4/10/2017
Selected FOIA Requests. general. 04.10.2017.docx

From: Dolph, Becky
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Minoli, Kevin <Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov>; Packard, Elise <Packard.Elise@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Selected Incoming FOIAs -- week of 4/10/2017

The Agency received 240 FOIA requests from 4/8/2017 – 4/14/2017. The requests below may be of interest. Please let me know if questions.

Thanks,

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To: Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Dorr, Kaelan K. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 7/14/2017 6:14:32 PM
Subject: RE: Mother Jones: Scott Pruitt Desperately Wants to Be Loved

I like it. Our job is to get good press and we've also sat down with the NYT and have done all of the Sunday shows.

From: Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Dorr, Kaelan K. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Subject: FW: Mother Jones: Scott Pruitt Desperately Wants to Be Loved

FYI...

From: Comms Alert [mailto:CommsAlert@gop.com]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:42 PM
Subject: Mother Jones: Scott Pruitt Desperately Wants to Be Loved

Scott Pruitt Desperately Wants to Be Loved

He's created a media echo chamber.

Mother Jones

Rebecca Leber

July 14, 2017 – 6:00 AM

><http://www.motherjones.com/environment/2017/07/scott-pruitt-desperately-wants-to-be-loved/><

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt did something out of character this week: He gave a wide-ranging interview to a few mainstream media outlets in which he discussed a number of policy issues he's largely avoided talking about publicly since taking over the EPA.

The interviews were unusual not just because of the subjects he covered, but because of the venues, Politico and Reuters. Since taking office, Pruitt has almost exclusively relied on a small number of conservative media outlets to tell an upbeat version of his leadership at the EPA, with occasional detours into the Sunday news shows. He's granted interviews to conservative writers at the Wall Street Journal, Breitbart News, The Federalist, and Murdoch-owned New York Post. He's taken to the airwaves to chat with conservative hosts on CNBC and Fox News, as well as MSNBC's Morning Joe. On a few occasions, Pruitt has done his version of town halls, taking questions from members of business groups like the Oklahoma's State Chamber of Commerce—a familiar venue, since he was once the state's attorney general—and conservative audiences at the Conservative Political Action Conference, Heritage Foundation, and the Federalist Society.

The EPA's public affairs staff now focus on promoting mostly right-wing outlets, some with ties to the Trump administration, on the EPA's social-media feeds and in news releases. The result? An echo chamber cheerleading the EPA's regulatory rollbacks, Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, and its newfound anti-science denial.

Liz Purchia, a Obama-era EPA communications staffer, says the EPA's attention to right-wing audiences resembles Trump's tactics at the White House. "They're tightly controlling [Pruitt's] public events and interviews, which isolates him from most Americans and instead plays to Trump's base," Purchia said in an email. "They're not trying to use communications tactics to reach a broad audience."

Anyone who's been paying attention to the news would see that the EPA would have a lot of information to share. It has begun to reverse a number of air, climate, water, and chemical regulations put forward during the Obama administration. In the last few weeks, Pruitt has delayed a methane regulation for oil and gas, a rule to prevent accidents at refineries and hazardous facilities, stricter standards for the air pollutant ozone, and a water rule that would have expanded clean water protections to streams. At the same time, Pruitt has refused to renew dozens of scientists' positions on the EPA's science advisory boards and wants to set up a new kind of task force to undermine climate science.

The disconnect is between EPA messaging and certain realities. From the way Pruitt and Trump administration staff have been telling it, the EPA is doing amazing things, as can be seen in a press release from the agency in mid-May that recapped “all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.” Pruitt’s interviews and EPA press releases depict an agency that not only pleases industry and Republican “stakeholders,” but also delivers cleaner water, smarter science, and higher air quality. The almost universally denounced US pullout from the Paris climate agreement “was received well” by allies at the G7 environmental summit earlier this month, Pruitt reported to Trump at a Cabinet meeting.

One space that has served as a reliable Pruitt echo chamber has been on Hugh Hewitt’s radio show. Hewitt, a conservative radio host who contributes to the Washington Post and now for MSNBC, is a sympathetic interviewer. In one program he asked whether the “hyperpartisan” coverage of the EPA has been “wearying”—Pruitt replied that negative coverage is Barack Obama’s fault. “I know you are not a climate denier,” Hewitt added, “I know you very well.” Hewitt didn’t explain how, but he might have a special insight into the inner workings of the EPA since his son, James, is a Trump appointee as an EPA special adviser for public affairs—a connection the talk show host disclosed in a recent Washington Post column praising the administrator for becoming a “domestic policy star.”

In that interview, which came the morning after the Paris decision, Hewitt asked Pruitt if his critics on the New York Times editorial board “have any agenda of persuasive engagement on genuine environmental progress with economic growth?” Pruitt expanded on Hewitt’s point, going on to complain that his critics are “climate exaggerators” interested only in partisan political rhetoric.

Besides seeking out friendly interviews, Pruitt repeatedly cites friendly columnists to validate some of his most controversial actions. In a July interview with Reuters, he credits a Wall Street Journal op-ed written by Steve Koonin, a theoretical physicist who worked in Obama’s Department of Energy, and Bret Stephens, a conservative New York Times columnist who dismisses some impacts of climate change, as the evidence of the legitimacy of his positions. He may even have wanted more support from them. In early June, Stephens said Pruitt “dragged me into” his press conference on the Paris decision. “I’m supposed to comment on the news, not be the news, so I tried to ignore it,” Stephens wrote. “But I guess it’s unignorable.”

White House strategist Steve Bannon's former business, Breitbart News, has also been a reliable megaphone for Pruitt's EPA, despite a critical column it ran a few months ago about what the writer saw as Pruitt's reluctance to dismantle the EPA's climate change work. Since then, Breitbart and Pruitt appear to have made up. As Breitbart gloated, it was the first media outlet where Pruitt floated his controversial proposal to form so-called a red-blue team exercise for a "transparent discussion about CO2."

Pruitt has also given relatively obscure conservative websites a higher profile because of their favorable coverage of him. Consider the little-known conservative aggregation website called Need to Know Network (NTK), started by political operatives who are connected to America Rising. According to Politico, NTK was started by Joe Pounder, who co-founded America Rising. An arm of America Rising, America Rising Squared, ran ads and a web-site sup-port-ing Pruitt before his confirmation hearings. In Facebook and Twitter posts and at least one news roundup, the EPA has repeatedly showcased NTK's promotional spin:

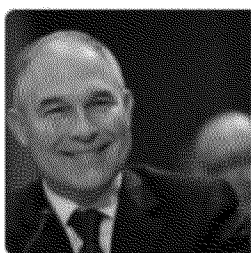


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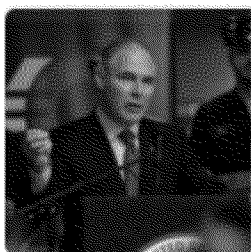


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Pruitt promised to “listen” as EPA administrator, but his media strategy appears to concentrate more on listening to the base and talking about his widespread support. For Pruitt, this might be the point. On its website, the EPA describes its mission “to protect human health and the environment.” But Pruitt’s goal is not protection—it’s “winning.” Winning exactly what is not clear, but the EPA is on message.



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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Fri 12/15/2017 3:43:33 PM
Subject: RE: Follow up question on MJ story

Checking with folks in contracts .. also, we probably should note that we also have a contract with Cision – have had it for nearly 10 years – prior to when they purchased Bulletin Intelligence.

Nancy Grantham

Office of Public Affairs

US Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-6879 (desk)

202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Follow up question on MJ story

This is based on our conversation. Please feel free to edit this so that it's 100 percent accurate regarding the process. Thank you.

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From: Lisa Friedman [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:21 AM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Follow up question on MJ story

And why was this a no-bid contract when other companies perform the same service?

Lisa Friedman

Reporter, The New York Times

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Lisa.Friedman@nytimes.com

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On Dec 15, 2017, at 10:20 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

“The Definers contract is for media monitoring/news clip compilation. The contract award was handled through the EPA Office of Acquisition Management and was \$87,000 cheaper than our previous media monitoring vendor while offering 24-7 news alerts once a story goes public.” – EPA spokesperson Nancy Grantham

From: Lisa Friedman [<mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Follow up question on MJ story

Hello,

Can you please provide a comment about why the news compilation that Definers has been hired to do can not be performed in house?

Secondly - were there any issues with Bulletin that caused EPA to switch providers for this service?

Third, as there are clearly other companies that perform this work -- like the one EPA had previously contracted with -- can you please provide an explanation of why this was a no-bid contract.

Thank you,

Lisa

Lisa Friedman

Reporter, The New York Times

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Greaves, Holly
Sent: Fri 2/9/2018 6:12:34 PM
Subject: RE: APPROVAL: Holly,

Could you also add,

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: APPROVAL: Holly,

I'm just going to say this:

Also, I'm hearing that Region 9 will be facing a 10 percent personnel reduction by the end of fiscal year 2018, according to goals laid out by the EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Can you confirm this for me?

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From: Fimrite, Peter [<mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Are your comments below off the record or can I quote you on any of them? You have them in quotes with your name attached. I would like to quote a couple of those answers. Also, I'm hearing that Region 9 will be facing a 10 percent personnel reduction by the end of fiscal year 2018, according to goals laid out by the EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer. Can you confirm this for me?

I definitely would like to tell about the actions of Congress rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals. Can you give me some idea about what the budget passed last night means for the EPA in terms of cuts?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 6:26 AM
To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Peter –

Off-the-record, in regards to budget proposals would just remind you that this morning the Senate passed a two-year budget that will fund the government. Rather than leaving the tea leaves of proposals, believe your readers would like to know the action that Congress has taken, which includes passing a budget that again funds the entire government for the next two years.

- **Today, Friday, February 9, 2018, Congress Passed A Budget That Will Fund The Government For The Next Two Years.** “After a temporary lapse in government funding that lasted through the night, Congress passed a pricey two-year spending deal early Friday that will also fund the government for an additional six weeks. The government temporarily closed after Congress failed to pass a government funding bill before a midnight deadline due to the objections of one senator, shutting down non-essential government services. In the end, a bipartisan cohort of lawmakers supported the \$400 billion agreement. Shortly after 1:30 a.m. ET, the Senate voted, 71-28, to approve a two-year spending bill that would reopen the government, and the House passed it at 5:30 a.m. with the support of 240 members. Trump tweeted Wednesday morning that he had signed the bill, officially ending the brief shutdown.” ([NBC News](#), 02/09/18)

Additionally, **below are some on-the-record responses** to your questions. Some of these answers took a while to find and we hope that you will be able to use as much as possible.

Jahan

From: Fimrite, Peter [<mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Thanks for getting back to me. Here are some questions and issues I'd like to have addressed:

The folks I've talked to say morale is as low as it has ever been at Region 9 and that many long time employees have been taking early retirement, buyouts or quitting as a result, mostly, in response to what they say is a de-emphasis on science and environmental protection, the core work of the EPA.

- **“From Administrator Pruitt’s focus on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites, his leadership during the government shutdown that kept the agency open and paid every employee, to EPA’s Region 9 where just 11 employees took an early retirement and nearly a quarter of the employees are working despite being eligible to retire, morale is great at EPA.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Three former employees and another current one say the office is short staffed, that Superfund sites have been prioritized, with some now on the back burner, and that the words “climate change” were scrubbed from contracts and grants, a form of censorship.

- **“Administrator Pruitt has placed a renewed focused on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites. We are reviewing every grant and 99.84 percent of all grants have been awarded.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Another complaint is that industry and business metrics have been brought in to change the culture of the office and downsize and streamline environmental regulation.

- **“Administrator Pruitt is proud to streamline regulations, which is creating regulatory certainty.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many have told me off the record that they are scared to say anything and generally speak with each other in winks and whispers or out of the office because they fear being exposed by the consulting firm Definers Public Affairs, which they say has spent the past year investigating agency employees critical of the Trump administration and Pruitt. Is this true?

- **“No this is not accurate. Like any government agency, all EPA employees are subjected to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and in terms of the FOIAs nearly all are aimed at political, not career employees.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Many are also critical of the fact that the two people considered for the administrator job both worked in the oil, gas or mining industry. Can you confirm that Ryan Flynn and Chris Paul were considered for the position. How is the search for a new administrator going and what are you looking for in the leader?

- **“We don’t discuss who have been or not been interviewed for the Region 9 Administrator or any other position. The Administration is carefully considering many highly qualified candidates for Region 9 and will announce another great regional administrator soon.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Wilcox, Jahan [<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Call me or send me specific examples and I will do my best to address them.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Fimrite, Peter <PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about EPA morale

Will handle.

From: Fimrite, Peter [<mailto:PFimrite@sfchronicle.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions about EPA morale

I'm working on a story about all the changes occurring at the EPA and the effect it has had on employees in the various regions, particularly region 9. I was hoping for a comment from the administration or a spokesman. Please call me at 415-777-8454.

Peter Fimrite

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Mon 11/13/2017 10:55:46 PM
Subject: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ?

Do y'all know him? He is at Freedom partners now and used to be at RNC – I just got his resume for the deputy job.

Liz Bowman

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To: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Rateike, Bradley A. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Love, Kelly A. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Cc: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 6:41:22 PM
Subject: AP / Spending

We also shared this statement as well on a different chain.

“A similar security sweep was done for EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>; 'Biesecker, Michael' <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Julie and Michael -

Julie and Michael – below are the answers in bold.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Julie and Michael -

Jahan,

Could you please clarify how electronic surveillance would potentially imperil Administrator Pruitt's physical security?

“Administrator Pruitt has received an unprecedented amount of threats against him and while the Associated Press attempts to trivialize his safety, there is nothing nefarious about

security decisions made by EPA's Protective Service Detail." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Also, we have not seen and, depending on the amount, don't have access to what was spent on a bug sweep under Lisa Jackson, but I'm interested in reporting that out. Can you provide the documentation on that, including the date, amount and the name of the vendor?

"Please ask your source, who apparently has access to the database of EPA's expenditures." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Thanks,

Michael

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>; Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Julie and Michael -

Below are our on-the-record responses in bold that you can attribute to me.

From: Biesecker, Michael [<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Bug sweeping, biometric locks

Liz, Jahan,

AP will be publishing a story about \$3,000 in taxpayer funds expended in April for a contractor to sweep Administrator Pruitt's office for electronic listening devices. We will also be reporting on spending to install biometric locks in his suite.

When coupled with the previously reported purchase of the privacy booth, it raises questions about why Pruitt feels the need to invest in counter-surveillance measures that none of his predecessors felt were necessary. EPA headquarters is a secure building with armed security and metal detectors at the entrances. Pruitt also has his personal security detail. Is the administrator concerned about the potential for electronic spying against him by the agency's own employees?

“Administrator Pruitt has received an unprecedented amount of threats against him and while the Associated Press attempts to trivialize his safety, there is nothing nefarious about security decisions made by EPA's Protective Service Detail.” – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

As part of the same story, we will also be mentioning the \$120,000 Definers contract and the FOIAs filed by America Rising targeted at EPA employees viewed as potentially disloyal to the Trump administration. Please provide any comment you have on those issues.

“Definers was awarded the contract to do our press clips at a rate that is \$87,000 cheaper than our previous vendor and they are providing no other services. This year, EPA has received over 10,000 public information requests from journalists and individuals across the political spectrum and we're responding to them in a manner that is fair and efficient. If you have questions regarding how Definers operates, we encourage you to contact them.”
– EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Thanks,

Michael



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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 3:10:46 PM
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL:

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
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BACKGROUND ...

DFL Governor Mark Dayton praises Pruitt for working to eliminate some of the federal government’s red tape dealt to state agencies. “Gov. Mark Dayton described a meeting Wednesday with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as ‘productive and cordial’ and said he’s hopeful the Trump administration will eliminate some of the federal government red tape dealt to state agencies. ‘We don’t believe we need to be micromanaged by Region 5 in Chicago,’ Dayton said during a news conference following a meeting at the Capitol that lasted more than an hour. Dayton said state agencies want to establish a “collaborative and cooperative” relationship with the EPA.” ([Minnesota Public Radio](#), 07/19/17)

EPA's Pruitt backs federal funding for Great Lakes. “Scott Pruitt, the nation’s top environmental officer, said Wednesday he endorses continued federal funding for a landmark cleanup of the Great Lakes ... ‘I understand the investment that’s been made historically,’ said Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), during an interview with the Star Tribune. It’s a continuing need, and we have to see that it’s adequately funded.” ([Minneapolis Star Tribune](#), 07/19/17)

EPA's Pruitt signals welcome support for Great Lakes restoration project.

“Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Scott Pruitt’s visit to Minnesota last week yielded an unexpected boon for those who care about clean water. In an interview with a Star Tribune reporter, Pruitt affirmed his support for federal funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which provides landmark protections for Lakes Huron, Erie, Michigan, Ontario and, most treasured by Minnesotans, Superior.” (Editorial, The Star Tribune, 07/21/17)

From: Jeff Bechdel [<mailto:jbechdel@ntknetwork.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Keith Ellison EPA event

Hello Mr. Wilcox,

NTK plans to cover a Keith Ellison event about "saving the EPA in Minneapolis" tonight at 7pm ET: <http://www.takeactionminnesota.org/event/community-forum-with-congressman-keith-ellison-save-the-epa/>

Just wanted to check in to see if you had any comment beforehand. Certainly fine if not, I can follow up afterward.

Thank you.

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Jeff Bechdel

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jbechdel@ntknetwork.com

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 2/22/2018 4:25:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: CPAC Programs

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Date: February 22, 2018 at 11:16:11 AM EST
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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tue 11/14/2017 2:38:31 PM
Subject: RE: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ?

Great, thanks. Jahan, since you know him, do you want to call him and ask him for sometimes he can come in, or do you want me to just call him?

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ?

Good guy.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ?

Do y'all know him? He is at Freedom partners now and used to be at RNC – I just got his resume for the deputy job.

Liz Bowman

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Office: 202-564-3293

To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 12/18/2017 8:57:01 PM
Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

I will send her the answer to question 3.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

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Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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Subject: RE: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

Anything we need to do here? Or are we leaving this one? Nancy, is the answer to number three **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

From: Friedman, Lisa [<mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: follow up questions on Definers Public Affairs contract

Hi folks. I have a few follow up questions on the nature of the contract with Definers I hope you can answer.

1. The contract itself notes that it was a sole-source notification, a no-bid contract. Can you explain to me why this qualified as a no-bid contract. Are they the only company that can provide this service? Unique in some way? Is there any written justification that was conducted that you can provide me?

2. You noted in an earlier response to me that in a sole-source notification a notice must be placed on federal websites to other vendors may provide proof of their ability to conduct the services. In this case, you noted, one additional vendor did so. Can you please provide the name and/or response itself of the company that responded?

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Thanks so much,

Lisa

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I feel comfortable booking him onto Lars Larson and Larry O'Connor (WMAL, and who is not listed here). I'm almost certain Larry is broadcasting live from 3-6pm ET.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:25 AM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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From: Konkus, John

Sent: Wed 12/20/2017 10:02:26 PM

Subject: WH Reports

Daily Communications Report 12 20 17.docx

2017-12-20 EPA Report for WH Comms Planning.docx

WH Team: Attached are our reports.

Thank you,

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Sun 9/3/2017 8:30:34 PM
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From: Matt Mackowiak
Sent: Sat 2/24/2018 5:13:39 AM
Subject: 2/25/18 Sunday Talk Lineup

--**NBC's "Meet the Press"**: Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) ... Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) ... Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY). Panel: Author and CBS News' David Brody ("The Faith of Donald J. Trump: A Spiritual Biography"), The New York Times' Helene Cooper, former Obama White House press secretary Josh Earnest and American Enterprise Institute senior vice president Danielle Pletka.

--**ABC's "This Week"**: NRA national spokesperson Dana Loesch ... Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school senior David Hogg and teacher Ashley Kurth ... Gov. John Kasich (R-OH) ... Gov. John Hickenlooper (D-CO) ... ABC News chief legal analyst Dan Abrams and former U.S. Attorney and NYU's Preet Bharara. Panel: ABC News' Jonathan Karl, ABC News' Cokie Roberts, Hoover Institution fellow Lanhee Chen, AP's Julie Pace and author and Univision anchor Jorge Ramos ("Stranger: The Challenge of a Latino Immigrant in the Trump Era").

--**CBS's "Face the Nation"**: Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) ... Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR). Gun violence panel: Columbine high school shooting survivor Austin Eubanks, Safe and Sound Schools' Michelle Gay, Sandy Hook Promise's Nicole Hockley, Orlando Police Chief John Mina and father of murdered reporter (Alison Parker) for WDBJ CBS Roanoke Andy Parker ... Atlantic Council Hariri Center for the Middle East director Amb. Frederic Hof. Panel: Politico's Rachael Bade, The Washington Post's David Nakamura, National Review's Reihan Salam and VICE News' Shawna Thomas.

--**"Fox News Sunday"**: Gov. Rick Scott (R-FL) ... father of (Meadow Pollack) school shooting victim Andrew Pollack and Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school senior Delaney Tarr. Panel: Former Bush White House deputy chief of staff Karl Rove, Axios' Jonathan Swan, Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel and former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD) ... "Power Player of the Week" with amateur paleontologist Ray Stanford.

--**Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"** (10am – 12pm ET): Rep. Pete King (R-N.Y.) ... Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX) ... former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales ... author Gordon Chang ("Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes on the World") ... U.S. Senate candidate Dr. Kelli Ward (R-AZ). Panel: Former Reagan-Bush '84 campaign manager Ed Rollins and The Wall Street Journal's Mary Kissel.

--**Fox News' "MediaBuzz"** (11am ET / 10am CT): Georgetown University's Mo Elleithee ... Axios' Jonathan Swan ... The Washington Examiner's Emily Jashinsky ... conservative commentator Gayle Trotter ... radio show host Richard Fowler ... The Weekly Standard editor-in-chief Stephen Hayes ... technology analyst Shana Glenzer.

--**CNN's "Inside Politics"** with John King (SUN 8am ET): Panel: Bloomberg's Margaret Talev, The Weekly Standard's John McCormack, The New York Times' Julie Hirschfield Davis and Bloomberg's Sahil Kapur.

--**CNN's "State of the Union"** (9am ET / 12pm ET): Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel ... Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT). Panel: Former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA), former Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D-MI), MoveOn.org senior advisor Karine Jean-Pierre and former Trump transition team deputy communications director Bryan Lanza.

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"** (SUN 10am, 1pm ET): Panel: Author and Fordham University's Saul Cornell ("A Well-Regulated Militia: The Founding Fathers and the Origins of Gun Control in America") and author and The University of Alabama's Adam Lankford ("The Myth of Martyrdom: What Really Drives Suicide Bombers, Rampage Shooters, and Other Self-Destructive Killers") ... author and professor emeritus at New York University and Princeton University Stephen F. Cohen ("Soviet Fates and Lost Alternatives: From Stalinism to the New Cold War") and author and The New York Times' David Sanger ("The Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age") ... author and Democracy in Color founder Steve Phillips and former Labor Secretary and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"**: (SUN 11am ET): The Blaze founder Glenn Beck ... The Palm Beach Post's Lulu Ramadan ... author and News and Guts president and CEO Dan Rather ("What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism") and author and The Daily Beast editor-in-chief John Avlon ("Wingnuts: How the Lunatic Fringe is Hijacking America") ... The Washington Examiner's Sarah Westwood and former RNC communications director Doug Heye.

--**Univision's "Al Punto"** (SUN 10am ET / 10am PT): Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school students Carlos Rodriguez and Lorena Sanabria ... Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school parents Manuel Oliver and Patricia Padauy ... former Mexican Secretary of Foreign Affairs Jorge Castañeda ... musician PJ Sin Suela ... journalist Paulina Chavira.

--**C-SPAN: “The Communicators”** (SAT 6pm ET): Facebook global political director Katie Harbath ... Cleveland-Marshall Center for Cybersecurity & Privacy Protection founding director Candice Hoke ... former Amb. to OECD and Council on Foreign Relations senior fellow Karen Kornbluh ... Upturn policy analyst Miranda Bogen ... **“Newsmakers”** (SUN 10am ET): American Federation of Teachers president Randi Weingarten, questioned by The New York Times’ Erica Green and Politico’s Caitlin Emma ... **“Q&A”** (SUN 8pm & 11pm ET): Author and Duke Divinity School’s Kate Bowler (“Everything Happens for a Reason”).

--**MSNBC’s “Kasie DC”** (SUN 7pm ET): Rep. Ryan Costello (R-PA) ... Rep. Charlie Crist (D-FL) ... Axios’ Jonathan Swan ... The Washington Post’s Ashley Parker ... Politico’s Jake Sherman ... BBC’s Katty Kay ... Hoover Institution fellow Lanhee Chen ... The Wing founder Audrey Gelman ... congressional candidate Rashida Tlaib (D-MI).

--**“The McLaughlin Group”**: Moderator Tom Rogan with syndicated columnist Pat Buchanan, The Daily Beast’s Eleanor Clift, syndicated columnist Clarence Page and guest panelist The Daily Caller’s Saagar Enjeti.

--**Washington Times’ “Mack on Politics”** weekly politics podcast with Matt Mackowiak (download on iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher or listen at MackOnPolitics.com: ESPN staff writer David Purdum ... Washington Free Beacon staff writer Stephen Gutowski.

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Kaelan and Team: Attached are our weekly and daily reports.

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It promises “war room” style media monitoring.

Rebecca Leber, Andy Kroll and Russ Choma Dec. 15, 2017 6:00 AM

Using taxpayer dollars, the Environmental Protection Agency has hired a cutting-edge Republican PR firm that specializes in digging up opposition research to help Administrator Scott Pruitt’s office track and shape press coverage of the agency.

According to federal contracting records, earlier this month Pruitt’s office inked a no-bid \$120,000 contract with Definers Corp., a Virginia-based public relations firm founded by Matt Rhoades, who managed Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign. Following Romney’s defeat, Rhoades established America Rising, an ostensibly independent political action committee that works closely with the Republican National Committee and Republican candidates to mine damning information on opponents. Other higher-ups at Definers include former RNC research director Joe Pounder, who’s been described as “a master of opposition research,” and senior vice president Colin Reed, an oppo-research guru billed as “among the leaders of the war on [Sen. Elizabeth] Warren.”

This for-profit consulting firm offers a variety of public relations services such as digital strategy, political consulting, and media relations. According to its website, Definers’ clients include Fortune 500 corporations, political groups, and nonprofits. In the past, both Marco Rubio and John McCain used their services, and since the 2016 election so has Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.). The client list for America Rising includes the RNC, Republican candidates, such as Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Penn.), and super-PACs such as the Mitch McConnell-linked Senate Leadership Fund and Karl Rove’s American Crossroads.

The company also specializes in using the press and social media to “validate your narrative.” According to the company’s website, one of the tools to help do this is its “Definers Console” media-tracking technology. Reed said his firm contracted with Pruitt’s office at the EPA, which is the first governmental client to pay for the Definers Console. The technology promises “war room” style media monitoring, analysis and advice, according to marketing materials. A brochure for the Console assures users that they will be able to “monitor for potential crises, as well as to track their message dissemination, relevant responses to their messaging, and what competitors’ actions have been.”

Besides monitoring media, users will get analysis and input from their employees whose experience in political campaigns and the business world helps create a unique approach “to intelligence gathering and opposition work. This experience informs the way we gather, synthesize, and disseminate information.”

“Definers has been contracted to provide media monitoring services through our Console by the EPA,” Reed says. “We provide the same service to a number of corporate and non-profit organizations.”

In response to *Mother Jones*’ questions about the Definers contract, EPA spokesperson Nancy Grantham said, “The Definers contract is for media monitoring/newsclip

compilation.” To a question on how the contract came about, she said: “The contract award was handled through the EPA Office of Acquisition Management.”

USASpending.gov, a website that tracks federal spending, shows that in early 2016 the EPA signed a \$207,000 contract with a firm called Bulletin Intelligence, requesting similar services. Bulletin is owned by public relations giant Cision, a well-known international PR firm. According to OpenSecrets.org’s expenditure data, Bulletin is not political and has not done any recent work for any candidates or PACs. The contract expired in February.

Definers also recently launched a new venture with the global law firm Dentons, which describes itself as combining “political intelligence, legal advisors, campaign-style tactics, lobbying, governmental affairs, research, and communications into one unique offering” to help clients.

The career of at least one of Pruitt’s staffers has overlapped with the Republican operatives at Definers. Jahan Wilcox, who previously worked for Marco Rubio’s presidential campaign and in rapid response for the Republican National Committee, is now a spokesperson for the EPA.

Wilcox, along with other political staff in Pruitt’s EPA press shop, has had some contentious interactions with the press. In one case, when Eric Lipton from [The New York Times](http://TheNewYorkTimes) was confirming facts for an investigation into the EPA’s industry-friendly approach to chemical regulation, EPA spokesperson Liz Bowman diverted the discussion to other outlets’ reporting rather than confirming his questions. Wilcox added, “If you want to steal work from other outlets and pretend like it’s your own reporting that is your decision.”

On another occasion, shortly after the *Associated Press* reported on the Superfund sites affected by Hurricane Harvey, the EPA went after one of the bylined reporters in a statement, and an unnamed official later admitted to removing one of the bylined *AP* reporters from the agency’s press list, saying, “We don’t think he’s a trustworthy reporter.” When Pruitt has faced criticism, the EPA highlights friendlier stories from conservative outlets—including *Breitbart*.

Pruitt has come under fire for a general lack of transparency at the EPA. The latest example is his trip promoting natural gas in Morocco. The public learned of his travels when his office posted a media release, causing confusion over why the EPA would not notify reporters ahead of time. This means that information on Pruitt’s activities in Morocco will be restricted to the EPA’s own spin.

The EPA’s work with groups affiliated with Pounder predate this contract. On a handful of occasions, the EPA has promoted positive coverage of Pruitt’s actions from the news-aggregation website Need To Know Network. Earlier this year, the website wrote a series of stories designed shed positive light on the controversial administrator. In one story, the site describes Pruitt as “busy racking up accomplishments that both protect Americans and save millions in taxpayer dollars.” Another congratulated Pruitt for moving ahead with

plans to open Alaska's Bristol Bay to mining, writing it was "a move that will prove to be a massive job creator for President Trump and Pruitt."

The Need to Know Network was started by Pounder and other operatives connected to America Rising and Definers Corp.

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The Washington Free Beacon: EPA Workforce Approaching Lowest Levels Since Reagan

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Red State: EPA Reaches Staffing Levels Not Seen Since The Reagan Administration

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The Associated Press: Hurricane Irma toll hits 10, increasing threat for Florida

Fearsome Hurricane Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean, leaving at least 10 dead and thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees on a track Thursday that could lead to a catastrophic strike on Florida. The most potent Atlantic Ocean hurricane ever, Irma weakened only slightly Thursday morning and remained a powerful Category 5 storm with winds of 180 mph (285 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center. The storm was increasingly likely to rip into heavily populated South Florida early Sunday, prompting the governor to declare an emergency and officials to impose mandatory evacuation orders for parts of the Miami metro area and the Florida Keys. Forecasters said it could punish the entire Atlantic coast of Florida and rage on into Georgia and South Carolina.

Bloomberg: Trump's Surprise Deal With Democrats Sets Up Christmas Showdown

President Donald Trump's unexpected decision to spurn his Republican allies in Congress by striking a short-term debt-limit deal with Democrats leaves the GOP reeling and lawmakers bracing for a bruising battle in December. Trump's move undercut GOP leaders in the House and Senate, as well as his own Treasury secretary, who had been arguing for a longer-term extension. It also left Republicans, who were blindsided by the deal, angry and disappointed with their own leaders and, to a lesser degree, Trump. "Democrats got exactly what they wanted," House Freedom Caucus head Mark Meadows said, adding that the deal "gives them the greatest leverage in the world to get exactly what they want later."

The Wall Street Journal: President Trump Unlikely to Nominate Gary Cohn to Become Fed Chairman

President Donald Trump is unlikely to nominate Gary Cohn, his top economic adviser, as the next Federal Reserve chairman, according to people familiar with the president's thinking, adding to the uncertainty over the U.S. central bank's leadership and policies next year. Mr. Trump told The Wall Street Journal in July that he was considering Mr. Cohn as a potential successor to Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen, whose term as central bank chief expires in early

February. The change in thinking comes at a time of great uncertainty over the top ranks of the world's most important central bank.

TRUMP TWEETS

The Washington Free Beacon

<http://freebeacon.com/issues/epa-workforce-approaching-lowest-levels-since-reagan/>

EPA Workforce Approaching Lowest Levels Since Reagan

By Elizabeth Harrington, 9/6/17

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Congress put a cap on the number of people the EPA can employ at 15,000 in the 2017 omnibus bill. By the end of September, the EPA will employ 14,459 people, with dozens still considering buyout offers.

Last month, 374 employees took buyouts. An additional 33 employees are retiring at the end of September, and 45 others are considering early retirement offers.

If half of those individuals also choose to leave the agency, EPA employment levels would fall below 14,440. The last time EPA was at an actual employment level of 14,440 was in 1988, when Ronald Reagan was president. The number of employees at EPA fell even lower in 1989, before peaking at 18,110 in 1999.

Scott Pruitt, the EPA administrator, said the agency is dedicated to shrinking the size of government. The Trump administration's goal is to cut the EPA workforce by 25 percent.

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The agency could shrink even more, as 20.17 percent of the EPA's employees are eligible to retire right now, according to the EPA's Resources Management Office.

Another 25 percent can retire in the next five years with full benefits, according to the EPA official.

The EPA has two buyout programs, VSIP and VERA, which give employees cash payments to incentivize early retirement. Maximum payments are typically \$25,000 for employees who are over 50 and have worked at the agency for at least 20 years. The average EPA employee makes \$113,820.

Several employees who have claimed they are retiring in protest of the new Republican administration, have been eligible for early retirement.

In one case, Elizabeth Southerland, the former director of the Office of Science and Technology in EPA's Office of Water, said she was quitting on principle over President Trump's budget request to reduce the agency's spending to \$5.7 billion.

Southerland, who earned a \$250,000 salary with a \$64,000 bonus, was eligible for early retirement, and made her protest two months after the budget was released.

The NTK Network obtained an email from Southerland where she said she was retiring because

of family issues, not because of Trump, Pruitt, or the budget proposal.

The Daily Caller

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/09/06/nearly-50-percent-of-the-epas-entire-workforce-are-eligible-to-retire-within-next-five-years/>

Nearly 50 Percent Of The EPA's Entire Workforce Are Eligible To Retire Within Next Five Years

By Chris White, 9/6/17

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The revelation comes as the EPA continues offering buyout packages to employees.

Nearly 362 EPA employees accepted a voluntary buyout, or a VERA, earlier this month, while another 12 employees retired in August, the documents show. Another 33 employees are expected to retire at the end of September, and an additional 45 employees are considering buyout offers.

EPA employment levels could tumble to 14,428, which would be lower than the 14,440-level found during the latter half of the Ronald Reagan presidency. The agency had 15,561 employees during former President Barack Obama's final term in office, all of whom earned an average salary of \$113,820. The average American income is about \$50,000.

The buyouts are helping the Trump administration reduce the size of government, EPA chief Scott Pruitt said in a statement Wednesday.

“We’re giving long-serving, hard-working employees the opportunity to retire early,” said Pruitt, who sued the agency nearly a dozen times during his time as Oklahoma’s attorney general. “We’re proud to report that we’re reducing the size of government ... staying true to our core mission of protecting the environment and American jobs.”

Pruitt is responsible for carrying out President Donald Trump’s mission of rolling back significant portions of his Democratic predecessor’s climate agenda. He was also one of the officials who helped convince the president to leave the Paris climate agreement, which obligated the U.S. cut greenhouse gas emissions 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.

The document comes shortly after reports from July showed the EPA planned to buy out 1,227 positions, 655 of which will be from agency headquarters in Washington, D.C. EPA indicated a willingness to offer employees up to \$25,000 in cash in exchange for them leaving, which is standard practice for federal employees hoping to retire early.

The largest number of buyouts, 183, will come from the Office of Research and Development. EPA will also offer buyouts to 98 employees at the Office of Administration and Resource Management, and make the same offer to 94 workers at the Office of Land and Emergency Management.

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Over time, the EPA has ventured out from its core functions to worrying about livestock flatulence as a cause of global warming and rating appliances on energy efficiency...when it is not causing massive toxic waste spills and running from responsibility.

Though I fully realize that this is merely another futile gesture by the Trump administration and doesn't really count as an accomplishment because it is an act that can be changed by any future president, I do have to say the strategy of forcing the EPA to restrict its activities, despite its penchant for do-gooder nannyism and outright legal thuggery, to core functions by starving it of personnel is welcome.

The Washington Examiner

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epa-staff-levels-to-hit-30-year-low-this-month/article/2633530>

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The official explained that the agency is "incredibly top-heavy" and that 25 percent of current employees are eligible to retire with full benefits today. These employees are being encouraged to retire along with another 25 percent that can retire in the next five years, the official explained.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said in a statement that he is encouraging employees to retire early. "We're giving long-serving, hard-working employees the opportunity to retire early," he said. "We're proud to report that we're reducing the size of government, protecting taxpayer dollars and staying true to our core mission of protecting the environment and American jobs."

With early retirements, the total number of employees let go could rise to around 3,000, which fits with Trump's budget blueprint.

Meanwhile, senior House Republicans are asking Pruitt if the buyouts are going through the necessary oversight that the Obama administration had avoided when it bought out some employees three years ago.

House Energy and Commerce Committee leaders want to be briefed on the EPA buyout plan, according to a letter to Pruitt sent Tuesday evening. Reps. Greg Walden, R-OR, chairman of the energy committee, and Tim Murphy, R-PA, chairman of committee's oversight panel, said they want to ensure that EPA's goal of finalizing these buyouts this month acts in the best interest of the taxpayer, and are worried Trump might be using the same flawed process that Obama used.

The last round of buyouts made in 2014 did not go through proper channels for approval. The EPA Office of the Inspector General said that many of the positions the previous administration provided buyouts for were not eliminated, according to the letter.

"While EPA has made some progress improving the agency's use of buyouts, given the lack of internal controls during the previous administration, the committee wants to ensure that the separation payments becoming effective in September 2017 are an efficient use of taxpayer money and are in compliance with [Office of Personnel Management] requirements," according to the letter.

Walden and Murphy want to be briefed on the buyout process by Sept. 15. "We will respond to Chairman Walden through the proper channel," an agency spokesman said.

The Southbend Tribune

http://www.southbendtribune.com/news/local/epa-to-test-homes-soil-near-lasalle-park-superfund-site/article_94dd403d-6a7c-516e-9ac8-a56bab04748a.html

EPA to test homes' soil near LaSalle Park Superfund site in South Bend

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The agency, under a mandate from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, also announced it soon wants to test soil in yards of homes near the park. Property owners must sign access agreements allowing the testing, which the EPA hopes to start by Oct. 5, issuing a final report by year's end.

The EPA wants to test soil in the yards of homes west of the park to Kenmore Street, east to Kaley Street and south to a line parallel with Newcombe Street.

But in a question-and-answer session following an EPA slideshow presentation, several people in the crowd of about 30 urged the agency to widen its scope. Tom Zmyslo said he worked at Honeywell, corporate successor to Bendix Corp., for more than 30 years, and he recalled an employee meeting in 2001 where workers were shown a map of groundwater contamination all around the plant.

Zmyslo said he is concerned that Honeywell could have contaminated drinking water wells that people still use in the Ardmore area, which is located just west of the city limits. Jenny Davison, EPA's remedial project manager for the LaSalle Park (also called Beck's Lake) site, responded that groundwater hasn't been studied at the LaSalle Park site because people living in the immediate area are served by the city's water system.

Davison said the agency welcomes any information about Honeywell's operations, and after the meeting, officials spoke further with Zmyslo.

Several other audience members said they live in homes just beyond the immediate LaSalle Park area, in some cases a block or two away, from where EPA plans to test residential yard soils, and they want their yards tested too. Davison said the EPA might consider enlarging the testing area if contamination levels are high enough in the first homes' yards.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management in 2009 found elevated levels of arsenic in the yards of nearby homes. Samples from six homes showed arsenic levels that were more than three times what could be expected to occur naturally. That was enough contamination to warrant further, more comprehensive testing, but not enough to require cleanup, said Keith Fusinski, an EPA toxicologist.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg, who in 2013 wrote the EPA a letter asking the agency to engage more with residents about the issue, did not attend the meeting but sent members of his staff.

"The EPA scheduled tonight's meeting without regard for the city's schedule," his spokesman, Mark Bode, said in a written statement. "The city plans to hold a meeting once it has received the results from the EPA and is able to share the plan for moving forward. We anticipate holding the meeting on site, at the Charles Black Recreation Center."

The Associated Press

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A spokeswoman for the Environmental Protection Agency says a 2,500-gallon oil spill at an Oklahoma company's Houston-area facility has been cleaned up.

EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said the agency had closely coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard, which reported the cleanup was completed Tuesday.

An EPA news release sent Wednesday night did not include details about the spill, including whether it endangered drinking water or forced evacuations.

Magellan Midstream Partners spokesman Bruce Heine says his company reported the spill at its facility in the east Houston suburb of Galena Park on Sunday and has assisted in cleanup.

Heine said the spill resulted from Harvey's strike on Texas.

The Associated Press

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Hurricane Irma toll hits 10, increasing threat for Florida

By Danica Coto and Anika Kentish, 9/7/17

Fearsome Hurricane Irma cut a path of devastation across the northern Caribbean, leaving at least 10 dead and thousands homeless after destroying buildings and uprooting trees on a track Thursday that could lead to a catastrophic strike on Florida.

The most potent Atlantic Ocean hurricane ever, Irma weakened only slightly Thursday morning and remained a powerful Category 5 storm with winds of 180 mph (285 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

The storm was increasingly likely to rip into heavily populated South Florida early Sunday, prompting the governor to declare an emergency and officials to impose mandatory evacuation orders for parts of the Miami metro area and the Florida Keys. Forecasters said it could punish the entire Atlantic coast of Florida and rage on into Georgia and South Carolina.

“This could easily be the most costly storm in U.S. history, which is saying a lot considering what just happened two weeks ago,” said Brian McNoldy, a hurricane researcher at the University of Miami, alluding to the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb told France Info radio that eight had died and 23 injured in the country’s Caribbean island territories, and he said the toll on Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthelemy could be higher because rescue teams have yet to finish their inspection of the islands.

“The reconnaissance will really start at daybreak,” Collomb said.

At a news conference, Collomb also said 100,000 food rations have been sent to the islands, the equivalent of four days of supplies.

“It’s a tragedy, we’ll need to rebuild both islands,” he said. “Most of the schools have been destroyed.”

French President Emmanuel Macron’s office said he will go to the islands as soon as weather conditions permit.

In the United Kingdom, the government said Irma inflicted “severe and in places critical” damage to the British overseas territory of Anguilla. Foreign Office Minister Alan Duncan said the Caribbean island took the full force of the hurricane. He told lawmakers on Thursday that the British Virgin islands have also suffered “severe damage.”

Irma blacked out much of Puerto Rico, raking the U.S. territory with heavy wind and rain while staying just out to sea, and it headed early Thursday toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

To the east, authorities struggled to get aid to small Caribbean islands devastated by the storm’s record 185 mph (298 kph) winds. Communications were difficult with areas hit by Irma, and information on damage trickled out.

Nearly every building on Barbuda was damaged when the hurricane’s core crossed almost directly over the island early Wednesday and about 60 percent of its roughly 1,400 residents were left homeless, Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne told The Associated Press.

“It is just really a horrendous situation,” Browne said after returning to Antigua from a plane trip

to the neighboring island.

He said roads and telecommunications systems were wrecked and recovery would take months, if not years. A 2-year-old child was killed as a family tried to escape a damaged home during the storm, Browne told the AP.

One death also was reported in the nearby island of Anguilla, where officials reported extensive damage to the airport, hospitals, shelters and school and said 90 percent of roads are impassible, according to the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency.

The agency also reported “major damage” to houses and commercial buildings in the British Virgin Islands.

On St. Thomas in the nearby U.S. Virgin Islands, Laura Strickling spent 12 hours hunkered down with her husband and 1-year-old daughter in a boarded-up basement apartment with no power as the storm raged outside. They emerged to find the lush island in tatters. Many of their neighbors’ homes were damaged and once-dense vegetation was largely gone.

“There are no leaves. It is crazy. One of the things we loved about St. Thomas is that it was so green. And it’s gone,” Strickling said. “It will take years for this community to get back on its feet.”

Significant damage was also reported on St. Martin, an island split between French and Dutch control. Photos and video circulating on social media showed major damage to the airport in Philipsburg and the coastal village of Marigot heavily flooded. France sent emergency food and water there and to the French island of St. Bart’s, where Irma ripped off roofs and knocked out electricity.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said Thursday the storm “caused widescale destruction of infrastructure, houses and businesses.”

“There is no power, no gasoline, no running water. Houses are under water, cars are floating through the streets, inhabitants are sitting in the dark, in ruined houses and are cut off from the outside world,” he said.

By Thursday morning, the center of the storm was about 110 miles (180 kilometers) north of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and was moving west-northwest near 17 mph (28 kph).

More than half the island of Puerto Rico was without power, leaving 900,000 in the dark and nearly 50,000 without water, the U.S. territory’s emergency management agency said in the midst of the storm. Fourteen hospitals were using generators after losing power, and trees and light poles were strewn across roads.

Puerto Rico’s public power company warned before the storm hit that some areas could be left without power from four to six months because its staff has been reduced and its infrastructure weakened by the island’s decade-long economic slump.

President Donald Trump approved an emergency declaration for the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other agencies to remove debris and give other services that will largely be paid for by the U.S. government.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center predicted Irma would remain at Category 4 or 5 for the next day or two as passes just to the north of the Dominican Republic and Haiti on Thursday, nears the Turks & Caicos and parts of the Bahamas by Thursday night and skirts Cuba on Friday night into Saturday.

It will then likely head north toward Florida, where people were rushing to board up homes, fill cars with gasoline and find a route to safety.

Gov. Rick Scott, who has mobilized parts of the state’s National Guard, declared a state of emergency and asked the governors of Alabama and Georgia to waive trucking regulations so gasoline tankers can get fuel into Florida quickly to ease shortages.

An estimated 25,000 people or more left the Florida Keys after all visitors were ordered to clear out, causing bumper-to-bumper traffic on the single highway that links the chain of low-lying islands to the mainland.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Katia hovered in the southern Gulf of Mexico, threatening to hit the vulnerable Mexican coast as a Category 2 or 3 hurricane, possibly late Friday or early Saturday. It had winds of 80 mph (130 kph) and was located about 210 miles (335 kilometers) east of Tampico, Mexico.

And a third hurricane, Jose, was growing far out in the Atlantic. It was no immediate threat to land, though the forecast track showed it could affect the Irma-blasted Leeward Islands over the weekend. Hurricane Jose had winds of about 90 mph (150 kph). It was centered about 815 miles (1,310 kilometers) east of the Lesser Antilles and moving west-northwest at 18 mph (30 kph).

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Trump's Surprise Deal With Democrats Sets Up Christmas Showdown

By Laura Litvan, Anna Edgerton, and Erik Wasson, 9/7/17

President Donald Trump's unexpected decision to spurn his Republican allies in Congress by striking a short-term debt-limit deal with Democrats leaves the GOP reeling and lawmakers bracing for a bruising battle in December.

Trump's move undercut GOP leaders in the House and Senate, as well as his own Treasury secretary, who had been arguing for a longer-term extension. It also left Republicans, who were blindsided by the deal, angry and disappointed with their own leaders and, to a lesser degree, Trump.

"Democrats got exactly what they wanted," House Freedom Caucus head Mark Meadows said, adding that the deal "gives them the greatest leverage in the world to get exactly what they want later."

During an Oval Office meeting Wednesday, Trump accepted a proposal by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and his House counterpart, Nancy Pelosi, to tie a three-month suspension of the debt limit to a Hurricane Harvey relief measure -- and throw in a stopgap continuing resolution to fund the government into December.

The episode provided the latest illustration of the bind Republicans find themselves in. Even though they control the White House and both chambers of Congress, they've been unable to set aside their own differences to get much done. Instead, this latest deal may have simply handed Democrats the upper hand heading into a confrontational end-of-the-year negotiation.

The agreement sets up what could be a major fight in December over government funding that is expected to include Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico and his decision to end a program that lets young undocumented immigrants stay in the U.S., as well as perhaps the debt ceiling.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, who was in the meeting with Trump, didn't see it coming. Hours before Trump's deal, he had told reporters that the Democratic proposal for a short-term debt limit deal would be "unworkable" and "ridiculous."

By late Wednesday, Senate Republicans released a new version of a Harvey aid bill that included the debt ceiling extension and would fund the government through Dec. 8. It also would nearly double the total disaster funding to \$15.25 billion from what the House passed earlier in the day. The additional funding would go toward the Community Development Block Grant program to address housing needs in disaster zones.

Extraordinary Measures

The actual fight over the debt limit could slip into 2018, since the Treasury Department can usually deploy so-called extraordinary measures to extend its ability to operate. The drop-dead date could come as early as February if tax refund outlays are "relatively high," according to Jefferies economists Ward McCarthy and Thomas Simons.

Trump's deal with Democrats did soothe the most immediate concerns in the short-term Treasury market, with rates on Treasury bills maturing around the previous late-September debt-limit deadline plunging. But they surged on securities coming due around mid-December, suggesting Wall Street sees more legislative strife ahead.

"All this really means is that while it's unlikely the U.S. would ever default on Treasury bills, this move today just pushes this risk further out the curve," said Jerome Schneider, head of the short-term and funding desk at Pacific Investment Management Co., which manages \$1.6 trillion in assets.

The White House tried to sell the deal as a way to "clear the decks" for a tax overhaul, as Trump's legislative director, Marc Short, put it to reporters.

Longer-term Treasuries also declined, suggesting investors saw better prospects that lawmakers will act on measures to spur economic growth.

"The market is pricing in less gridlock in Washington," said Alex Li, head of rates strategy at Credit Agricole. "The market seems to be suggesting that the administration and congressional leaders are more open now to get something done in terms of the legislative agenda," including addressing the nation's tax system.

But conservatives were fuming over the deal, with one senior Republican aide saying that the deal undercut GOP leaders and bolstered the power of Democrats in Congress.

Asked about the compromise, Freedom Caucus member Ted Yoho of Florida said sarcastically,

“It’s great to be in the majority.”

‘Deal is Bad’

"The Pelosi-Schumer-Trump deal is bad," Republican Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska said in a statement.

Trump himself might have agreed, at least back in 2013 when he was still considering a run for the White House. He wrote on Twitter then, "The worst negotiators in history (otherwise known as Republicans) have just offered to suspend debt ceiling for four months. Pathetic!"

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell tried to put the best face on the deal while noting that Trump cut it with Democratic leaders.

“The president can speak for himself,” McConnell told reporters. “But his feeling was that we needed to come together, to not create a picture of divisiveness at a time of genuine national crisis.”

Congress is rushing to pass Hurricane Harvey relief funds by the end of the week because the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s disaster-relief fund is set to run out of money Friday as a more powerful storm, Hurricane Irma, bears down on Florida.

The House voted 419-3 on Wednesday to pass \$7.85 billion to provide relief to tens of thousands of homeowners from flooding caused by Harvey in Texas and other parts of the Gulf Coast. The measure includes \$7.4 billion in FEMA disaster funds and \$450 million for the Small Business Administration. Additional FEMA funding is to be provided later, according to House aides.

Shortly after the vote, Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin met with Republican and Democratic congressional leaders at the White House. McConnell, Ryan and Mnuchin pushed for adding a debt-limit extension of as long as 18 months to the Harvey bill, according to several

people with knowledge of the discussion. A three-month debt-limit deal was the last thing Mnuchin wanted, an administration official said.

But Trump said he wanted a deal, and he accepted the Democrats' offer of a three-month debt-limit measure, one person said. At that point, McConnell stepped in to say a short-term government spending bill should also be added.

Several leaders of conservative groups said they blamed Republican leaders, not Trump, for the deal to add the debt-limit and spending measures to the House bill. They said McConnell and Ryan hadn't been able to push forward a conservative plan to raise the debt limit in a measure that cut spending.

"This is going to be very bad for our common goal of fundamental tax reform," Adam Brandon, president of the conservative FreedomWorks group, told reporters in a conference call. "This deal is straight out of the swamp."

'Taken Aback'

"I'm a little taken aback by it," said Representative Mark Walker, the North Carolina Republican who chairs the Republican Study Committee. "Usually you get a heads up" on a major policy decision.

Asked if this deal undercuts Republican leadership's ability to negotiate with Democrats, Walker replied, "It does."

Walker said he will present a letter to Ryan on Thursday with a list of policy suggestions that would get more Republicans to support a debt limit deal. It will contain 19 specific suggestions, he said.

Republicans appeared resigned to the notion that the combined measure would likely pass both

chambers of Congress, carried by Democratic votes. But a number of Republicans said they would vote against it.

The attempt to tie the Harvey aid passed in the House to the debt limit “is a poison pill & a disservice to those who are suffering,” Representative Richard Hudson of North Carolina tweeted. He said the Senate should pass the House measure without adding more provisions.

FAA and Flood Insurance

The deal still left out a few key priorities that Congress will have to address by the end of the month. Lawmakers still need to pass an authorization for the Federal Aviation Administration so that it can keep operating after Sept. 30. They also have to pass a renewal of the nation’s flood insurance program, a high priority in the wake of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma.

Democrats, for their part, luxuriated in the unexpected win.

“Today was a good day in a generally very partisan town,” Schumer told reporters. “And let’s hope we can continue to work together for the good of Americans, for the good of the working families who so much need our help.”

The Wall Street Journal

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/president-trump-unlikely-to-nominate-gary-cohn-to-become-fed-chairman-1504731461> **President Trump Unlikely to Nominate Gary Cohn to Become Fed Chairman**

By Michael C. Bender, Harriet Torry, and Nick Timiraos, 9/6/17

President Donald Trump is unlikely to nominate Gary Cohn, his top economic adviser, as the next Federal Reserve chairman, according to people familiar with the president’s thinking,

adding to the uncertainty over the U.S. central bank's leadership and policies next year.

Mr. Trump told The Wall Street Journal in July that he was considering Mr. Cohn as a potential successor to Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen, whose term as central bank chief expires in early February.

The change in thinking comes at a time of great uncertainty over the top ranks of the world's most important central bank. Fed Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer said Wednesday he will resign in mid-October for personal reasons, adding another vacancy to the three others on the powerful seven-member Fed board of governors. His departure accelerates Mr. Trump's opportunity to put his stamp on the central bank.

Candidate Trump was critical of the central bank and Ms. Yellen last year, publicly chiding her during the campaign for keeping interest rates too low, which Mr. Trump said benefited Democrats.

The shift in Mr. Cohn's prospects for the top Fed job arises largely from his criticism of Mr. Trump's response to the violence in Charlottesville, Va., the people familiar with the matter said.

The president said in the Journal interview that he was also considering whether to nominate Ms. Yellen for a second term. Mr. Trump has told people that he is impressed with Ms. Yellen, leaving them with the sense he might ask her to serve another term.

The change in Mr. Cohn's chances potentially bolsters her odds. Other names that have been discussed by Mr. Trump and his team as possible nominees to top Fed posts include former governors Lawrence Lindsey and Kevin Warsh, former BB&T Bank chief executive John Allison, and Stanford University economist John Taylor, according to people familiar with the discussions.

The White House has been considering nominating Marvin Goodfriend, a former research director at the Richmond Fed who is a professor at Carnegie Mellon University, to the Fed's board, the people familiar said. One possibility would be to nominate an incoming board

member, such as Mr. Goodfriend, or a current board member, such as Fed governor Jerome Powell, to the vice-chair post.

Mr. Cohn, director of the National Economic Council, has been running the White House search for Fed chief. A senior administration official said “the president is considering several candidates.” Mr. Cohn’s office directed questions to the White House.

White House spokeswoman Natalie Strom said Mr. Cohn is “focused on his responsibilities...including a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deliver meaningful tax reform that creates jobs and grows the economy.” Mr. Cohn may have doomed his chances for the top Fed job with comments he made to the Financial Times last month, according to people close to the president.

The former investment banker had told associates that he was disgusted by Mr. Trump’s performance immediately after the president’s combative news conference on Aug. 15 about the Charlottesville events, according to a person familiar with the matter. Mr. Cohn stood near Mr. Trump at the news conference in the lobby of Trump Tower, which White House officials had intended to focus on the president’s push for investment in infrastructure.

Asked if he considered resigning after the news conference, Mr. Cohn told the Financial Times that he was “reluctant to leave my post.” He also said the Trump administration “can and must do better” to condemn hate groups. “Citizens standing up for equality and freedom can never be equated with white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK,” Mr. Cohn told the newspaper.

Mr. Trump wasn’t aware such a blunt critique was coming, said one person familiar with the president’s thinking. One White House official said the president visibly bristles at the mention of his economic adviser.

Mr. Trump had been eager to talk about the possibility of appointing Mr. Cohn as the next Fed chairman when he spoke about it during the Journal interview. At the time, the president said he had “gained great respect for Gary” during their time together in the West Wing.

A White House official said that Mr. Cohn, a former Goldman Sachs executive, may be able to repair his relationship with the president.

Mr. Cohn is one of the key White House hands shepherding an overhaul of the federal tax code through Congress. If successful, Mr. Cohn may find himself in better standing, the person said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump has nominated Randal Quarles, a private-equity executive who served in the Bush administrations, for one opening on the Fed board, but has yet to name his other picks.

A Senate committee is set to vote on Mr. Quarles' nomination as the Fed's vice chair for bank regulation on Thursday, and he is expected to ultimately win confirmation. Nominations for all board positions, including the chair and vice chair, are subject to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Fischer's departure gives the White House a wider range of options in considering how to remake the Fed, but it also adds to the challenge Mr. Trump faces in managing the leadership turnover without roiling markets.

Mr. Fischer's term as Fed vice chairman was due to end in June 2018, although his term as governor wouldn't have ended until Jan. 31, 2020. Several people who know him say he has been addressing family health issues. Mr. Fischer is planning to attend the central bank's next policy gathering Sept. 19 and Sept. 20, when the Fed is expected to announce plans to begin shrinking its portfolio of bonds and other assets accumulated during the financial crisis.

Fed officials in June raised their benchmark federal-funds rate to a range between 1% and 1.25% and penciled in one more rate increase this year. Analysts saw Mr. Fischer as a centrist voice as the Fed's second-in-command, and slightly less inclined to keep rates low to spur the economy than Ms. Yellen.

However, other policy decisions beyond December are clouded by the leadership succession question, and that uncertainty could increasingly weigh on markets.

Every president since Ronald Reagan has asked the standing Fed leader to stay in the job at the start of his presidency, which has served to underscore the central bank's relative independence from politics on monetary policy. If Mr. Trump doesn't follow that pattern, Ms. Yellen would be just the third Fed leader since 1934 to serve only one term.

Ms. Yellen hasn't said whether she would like to serve a second term, but some friends and former colleagues say her long record of public service and her devotion to the Fed are clues that she would accept a nomination if it were offered.

Nearly three in four economists surveyed by The Wall Street Journal this month said Ms. Yellen should be reappointed as Fed chair. Around two thirds of the same economists said Mr. Cohn is qualified to be chair. The Journal surveyed 56 economists from Sept. 1 to Sept. 5 in its monthly poll.

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EPA's Weekly Round-Up

May 12, 2017

From meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, signing a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage and reaffirming his commitment to cleaning-up Superfund sites, it was a successful week at EPA. Below is a recap of all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.

National Stories ...

The New York Times reports one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities is to clean up toxic Superfund sites. *"Scott Pruitt has directed his regional chiefs to elevate Superfund cleanup efforts to what he describes as their rightful place as the agency's core mission. 'I am making it a priority to ensure contaminated sites get cleaned up. We will be more hands-on to ensure proper oversight and attention to the Superfund program at the highest levels of the agency, and to create consistency across states,' Pruitt said."*

The Washington Examiner reports that Pruitt is working with local leaders to clean-up the East Chicago Superfund site. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday joined Democrats and Republicans to reaffirm the agency's commitment to communities outside of Chicago hit by high levels of lead contamination. Pruitt had visited the Indiana city of East Chicago last month affected by contamination from a closed lead production facility owned by the firm U.S. Steel that had been designated a Superfund cleanup site by the agency in 2009."

The Washington Times reports Pruitt said that Barack Obama was no 'environmental savior.' *"Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which*

led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure."

The Hill reports that Pruitt was highly critical of the previous administration.

"Pruitt was also highly critical of his predecessor, naming similar environmental problems over the last eight years. 'What's so great about that record,' he asked North Dakota conservative radio host Rob Port, after listing similar statistics about air quality, Superfund and the Flint and Gold King disasters. 'I don't quite understand the environmental left when they say that somehow, what the past administration, what was done, was so great.'"

The Daily Caller reports that Pruitt said he sued the previous administration because they exceeded their statutory authority. *"Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he sued the agency he heads so many times while Oklahoma attorney general because 'they exceeded their statutory authority.' 'They deserved it and they deserved it because they exceeded their statutory authority, they exceeded their constitutional authority.'"*

Additionally, the Daily Caller notes that after the Flint water crisis, the previous administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received. *"Pruitt said the former administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received, especially after the EPA's failure to fix Flint's water system."*

On Hugh Hewitt, Pruitt set the record straight about false information being circulated about the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors. *"The board of scientific counselors that we have at the EPA, they serve three year terms. And so those are reviewed every three years. Those same individuals can apply through the competitive process. ... There was no firing that took place. These individuals can apply, will apply, I'm sure, in some instances, and very well could be put back on the board. But it's the right thing to do to ensure transparency, its activity, peer-reviewed science and geographical representation on the board."*

Need to Know Network reports that Pruitt said that Obama's administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states. *"Pruitt said during the interview that the Obama administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states, and looked at states as mere vessels of federal will. ... Pruitt went on to say that the EPA has restored a focus on "cooperative federalism" and working with the states."*

To The States ...

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Pruitt met with Florida Governor Rick Scott to talk about water issues. *"[Governor Rick] Scott popped in for a visit with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to talk water issues."*

The Bismarck Tribune reports that the EPA signed a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage wells. *“Tuesday marked a new day for North Dakota’s ability to regulate storage of carbon dioxide gas, an important part of a cleaner coal future. The federal Environmental Protection Agency took a first step toward giving the state primary authority to regulate federal Class VI wells for injecting CO2 into deep underground pore space for either long-term storage or for store-and-sell in enhanced oil recovery.”*

The Fargo Forum reports Pruitt promised a friendlier, more cooperative relationship with states. *“If you go back to the inception of the agency...Congress has been very insistent in saying the states have a role,’ EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told me during an interview on my radio show today. ‘The past administration simply disregarded that,’ he continued.”*

The Grand Forks Herald reports that all of sudden North Dakota and the EPA are getting along. *“Under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state’s relationship with that federal agency. ‘The days of coercive federalism are over,’ new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum.”*

The Minot Daily News reports that North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said EPA Administrator Pruitt will have the biggest single impact on his state. *“Gov. Doug Burgum said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president’s new team, in particular, two of its members. Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota.”*

Ozark News reports that Pruitt slammed the brakes on a pesticide rule from the Obama Administration. *“Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has announced a 12-month delay for the implementation of the Certification and Training of Pesticide Applicators rule. Pruitt says the new extension will enable EPA to work with states and provide adequate compliance and training resources, after the group received feedback from states and stakeholders that more time and resources were needed to prepare for compliance with the rule.”*

Oklahoma City’s KOCO-TV reports that the EPA awarded Oklahoma with an \$855,000 grant to protect water quality. *“The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$855,000 to the Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy to support management of nonpoint-source water pollution, officials said in a news release. ... ‘Improving the Nation’s water is one of EPA’s highest priorities under the Trump administration,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who was Oklahoma’s attorney general before taking a position in President Donald Trump’s administration.”*

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George had been working with the vendor on this. I have a call into the vendor as they may need assistance in completing the forms.

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To: Levi Bachmeier[Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>]
From: Robert Lauf
Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 4:17:16 PM
Subject: Re: EPA's Weekly Round-Up

Jahan, what's your new role at EPA?

On May 12, 2017, at 10:16 AM, Levi Bachmeier [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>] wrote:

Nice! Thanks for sharing.

Sent from my iPhone

Please excuse my brevity

On May 12, 2017, at 10:06, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Some good North Dakota stuff is in here.

From: U.S. EPA Media Relations [mailto:no-replysubscriptions@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA's Weekly Round-Up

EPA's Weekly Round-Up

May 12, 2017

From meeting with Florida Governor Rick Scott, signing a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage and reaffirming his commitment to cleaning-up Superfund sites, it was a successful week at EPA. Below is a recap of all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.

National Stories ...

The New York Times reports one of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities is to clean up toxic Superfund sites. "Scott Pruitt has directed his regional chiefs to elevate Superfund cleanup efforts to what he describes as their rightful place as the agency's core mission. 'I am making it a priority to ensure contaminated sites get cleaned up. We will be more hands-on to

ensure proper oversight and attention to the Superfund program at the highest levels of the agency, and to create consistency across states,' Pruitt said."

The Washington Examiner reports that Pruitt is working with local leaders to clean-up the East Chicago Superfund site. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday joined Democrats and Republicans to reaffirm the agency's commitment to communities outside of Chicago hit by high levels of lead contamination. Pruitt had visited the Indiana city of East Chicago last month affected by contamination from a closed lead production facility owned by the firm U.S. Steel that had been designated a Superfund cleanup site by the agency in 2009."

The Washington Times reports Pruitt said that Barack Obama was no 'environmental savior.' *"Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure."*

The Hill reports that Pruitt was highly critical of the previous administration. *"Pruitt was also highly critical of his predecessor, naming similar environmental problems over the last eight years. 'What's so great about that record,' he asked North Dakota conservative radio host Rob Port, after listing similar statistics about air quality, Superfund and the Flint and Gold King disasters. 'I don't quite understand the environmental left when they say that somehow, what the past administration, what was done, was so great.'"*

The Daily Caller reports that Pruitt said he sued the previous administration because they exceeded their statutory authority. *"Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said he sued the agency he heads so many times while Oklahoma attorney general because 'they exceeded their statutory authority.' 'They deserved it and they deserved it because they exceeded their statutory authority, they exceeded their constitutional authority.'"*

Additionally, the Daily Caller notes that after the Flint water crisis, the previous administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received. *"Pruitt said the former administration does not deserve the plaudits it has received, especially after the EPA's failure to fix Flint's water system."*

On Hugh Hewitt, Pruitt set the record straight about false information being circulated about the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors. *"The board of scientific counselors that we have at the EPA, they serve three year terms. And*

so those are reviewed every three years. Those same individuals can apply through the competitive process. ... There was no firing that took place. These individuals can apply, will apply, I'm sure, in some instances, and very well could be put back on the board. But it's the right thing to do to ensure transparency, its activity, peer-reviewed science and geographical representation on the board."

Need to Know Network reports that Pruitt said that Obama's administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states. "Pruitt said during the interview that the Obama administration used the authority of Washington to walk over the states, and looked at states as mere vessels of federal will. ...

Pruitt went on to say that the EPA has restored a focus on "cooperative federalism" and working with the states."

To The States ...

The Tampa Bay Times reports that Pruitt met with Florida Governor Rick Scott to talk about water issues. "[Governor Rick] Scott popped in for a visit with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to talk water issues."

The Bismarck Tribune reports that the EPA signed a proposed rule that will let North Dakota regulate CO2 storage wells. "Tuesday marked a new day for North Dakota's ability to regulate storage of carbon dioxide gas, an important part of a cleaner coal future. The federal Environmental Protection Agency took a first step toward giving the state primary authority to regulate federal Class VI wells for injecting CO2 into deep underground pore space for either long-term storage or for store-and-sell in enhanced oil recovery."

The Fargo Forum reports Pruitt promised a friendlier, more cooperative relationship with states. "'If you go back to the inception of the agency...Congress has been very insistent in saying the states have a role,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told me during an interview on my radio show today. 'The past administration simply disregarded that,' he continued."

The Grand Forks Herald reports that all of sudden North Dakota and the EPA are getting along. "Under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state's relationship with that federal agency. 'The days of coercive federalism are over,' new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum."

The Minot Daily News reports that North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum said EPA Administrator Pruitt will have the biggest single impact on his state. "Gov. Doug Burgum said he thinks the biggest change for North Dakota as a result of the Trump administration is the president's new team, in particular, two of its members. Burgum said he feels Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will have the biggest single impact on North Dakota."

Ozark News reports that Pruitt slammed the brakes on a pesticide rule from the Obama Administration. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has announced a 12-month delay for the implementation of the Certification and Training of Pesticide Applicators rule. Pruitt says the new extension will enable EPA to work with states and provide adequate compliance and training resources, after the group received feedback from states and stakeholders that more time and resources were needed to prepare for compliance with the rule.”

Oklahoma City’s KOCO-TV reports that the EPA awarded Oklahoma with an \$855,000 grant to protect water quality. “The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$855,000 to the Oklahoma Office of the Secretary of Energy to support management of nonpoint-source water pollution, officials said in a news release. ... ‘Improving the Nation’s water is one of EPA’s highest priorities under the Trump administration,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, who was Oklahoma’s attorney general before taking a position in President Donald Trump’s administration.”

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Thank you,

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From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Thur. 11/16/2017 8:42:04 PM
Subject: Re: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Resume 2017.pdf

James and I worked with one of his references at the RNC. I don't know this guy though.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2017, at 3:39 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Anyone know this guy? I am going to call him in for an interview, unless anyone has concerns

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Resume 2017.pdf

This individual is interested in being our speechwriter. Do you want to reach out to him to interview?

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Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy] Resume 2017.pdf

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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tue 12/19/2017 10:45:10 PM
Subject: Re: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

Let's just keep them. We posted the contract.

Ryan Jackson
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On Dec 19, 2017, at 3:45 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

\$87,000 cheaper than the previous firm.

John Kerry's CoS called a few outlets this weekend (at his own request) telling reporters, wish we would've figured this out while we were at State, because Bulletin News is awful.

Apologize for the headache.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

Why this makes it appear wrong when it's not? I guess we have to get crappy Obama Administration service still?

From: POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard [mailto:politicoemail@politicopro.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 2:24 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: GOP firm ends controversial media monitoring contract with EPA

By Emily Holden

12/19/2017 02:22 PM EDT

The Republican media monitoring firm Definers Public Affairs canceled its \$120,000 contract with EPA following a media backlash because of the company's links to GOP opposition research firm America Rising.

Earlier this year, America Rising filed several Freedom Of Information Act requests for communications from EPA career staffers who had been critical of Administrator Scott Pruitt or President Donald Trump. That included email sent by John O'Grady, a top union official at the EPA, that "mentions or refers to President Trump."

News reports about the two efforts to monitor news coverage about the agency and dig up information about dissenting staffers stirred new accusations that Pruitt is fostering an atmosphere of paranoia and distrust at EPA.

Definers described the decision to end the contract as mutual, although EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox would not say whether the agency or company initiated the cancellation.

Definers President Joe Pounder said in a written statement that previous administrations paid for more for slower services, but "it's become clear this will become a distraction. As a result, Definers and the EPA have decided to forgo the contract." He added that the firm will not offer its services to any other federal agencies.

Mother Jones first reported on the contract, and The New York Times documented the ties between Definers and America Rising, which was also started by Pounder.

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<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/12/gop-firm-ends-controversial-media-monitoring-contract-with-epa-295918>

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Sent: Thur 2/8/2018 10:18:05 PM
Subject: APPROVAL: SF Chron / Employee Morale

Ryan –

The San Francisco Chronicle is doing a story on employee morale and why we don't have a regional head, etc. Honestly only 11 employees in Region 9 took the early retirement and a quarter are working past their retirement, so clearly morale has never been higher. Below are the questions and suggested responses.

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--ABC's "This Week": White House Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Adviser Thomas Bossert ... Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.). Panel: ABC News' Mary Bruce, ABC News' Cokie Roberts, NPR/WAMU host Joshua Johnson and McClatchy's Franco Ordoñez.

--CBS's "Face the Nation": Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ... Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) ... Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) ... WIRED Magazine editor in chief Nicholas Thompson. Panel: The Atlantic editor in chief Jeffrey Goldberg, Bloomberg News' Toluse Olorunnipa, AP's Julie Pace and National Review's Ramesh Ponnuru.

--"Fox News Sunday": White House National Economic Council director Larry Kudlow ... Rep. Joe Crowley (D-N.Y.). Panel: Former Bush White House senior adviser Karl Rove, former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD), Heritage Action for America CEO Michael Needham and Fox News political analyst Juan Williams. "Power Player of the Week" segment with

former HHS Secretary and American University president Sylvia Burwell.

--**Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"** (10am – 12pm ET): Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) ... Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX) ... author Gordon Chang ("The Coming Collapse of China") ... Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX). Panel: Former Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) and The Wall Street Journal's Mary Kissel.

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--**CNN's "State of the Union"** (9am ET / 12pm ET): White House National Economic Council director Larry Kudlow ... Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME). Panel: MoveOn.org senior advisor Karine Jean-Pierre, former Obama White House Communications Director Jennifer Psaki, Center for Equal Opportunity chair Linda Chavez and U.S. Senate candidate Dr. Kelli Ward (R-AZ).

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"** (SUN 10am, 1pm ET): Former Obama White House National Economic Council director Larry Summers ... former Obama White House National Security Advisor Tom Donilon ... former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Princeton University's Adm. Mike Mullen (Ret.) ... author and foreign correspondent Rania Abouzeid ("No Turning Back: Life, Loss, and Hope in Wartime Syria").

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"**: (SUN 11am ET): The New York Times executive editor Dean Baquet. Panel: The New York Magazine's Olivia Nuzzi, political analyst Jeff Greenfield and radio host and The Resurgent founder Erick Erickson ... former Sinclair reporter Jonathan Beaton.

--**Univision's "Al Punto"** (SUN 10am ET / 10am PT): Former Mexican President Vicente Fox ... Mexican presidential candidate Andrés Manuel López Obrador ... wife of Venezuelan rebel helicopter pilot (Óscar Pérez) Danahis Vivas and the mother of the pilot Aminta Pérez ... deported U.S. Army veteran Hector Barajas ... New York City Schools chancellor Richard Carranza ... actor and filmmaker Eugenio Derbez.

--**C-SPAN: "The Communicators"** (SAT 6pm ET): Interviews from the "State of the Net" conference with Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Cybersecurity and Communications Jeanette Manfra ... CenturyLink national security & emergency preparedness director Kathryn Condello ... Zello CEO Bill Moore ... Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber & International Communications Policy Robert Strayer ... Freedom House Freedom on the Net director Sanja Kelly ... **"Newsmakers"** (SUN 10am ET): FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb, questioned by Bloomberg News' Anna Edney and Kaiser Health News' Sarah Jane Tribble ... **"Q&A"** (SUN 8pm & 11pm ET): Author and theoretical physicist Michio Kaku ("The Future of Humanity: Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality, and Our Destiny Beyond Earth").

--**MSNBC's "Kasie DC"** (SUN 7pm ET): Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) ... Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) ... congressional candidate Lt. Col. Amy McGrath (Ret.) (D-KY) ... former RNC chairman Michael Steele ... MSNBC anchor Nicolle Wallace ... BBC News' Katty Kay ... Voto Latino's Maria Teresa Kumar ... USA Today's Susan Page ... The New York Times' Elisabeth Bumiller ... AP's Jonathan Lemire ... Axios' Sara Fischer ... NBC News' Jo Ling Kent ... CNBC's Kayla Tausche.

--**PBS' "To the Contrary"**: Heritage Foundation president Kay James.

--**Washington Times' "Mack on Politics"** weekly politics podcast with Matt Mackowiak (download on iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher or listen at MackOnPolitics.com: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

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Subject: Request for comment on hearings

Hi Liz & Jahan,

I'm running a story today that advances the congressional hearings at which Mr. Pruitt will testify Thursday.

The story will include and make reference to a document that I have, entitled "Hot Topics." The story will characterize this document as outlining Mr. Pruitt's potential responses to likely questions during the hearings.

Can you tell me who drafted this document? I'd also like to get a comment on whether it accurately describes answers that Mr. Pruitt has been prepped by staff to give.

I won't attach the actual document but for purposes of verifying its validity with you, this with you it begins:

HOT TOPICS

Condo

Kevin Minoli, EPA's principal deputy general counsel, in a March 30 memo determined that the rate for 30 consecutive days would have equated to a monthly rent of \$1,500. Minoli described that as "reasonable market value." He also found it did not constitute a "prohibited gift." I would be happy to provide that memo to your staff.

These, according to the document, are some of the other topics he is prepared to address — several of which I will make reference to in the story:

SCIF; Sweeping the office; Biometric Locks; Bullet proof vehicles and tires; Office Decoration; Netjets; G7 Trip; Staffing (Raises; Samantha Dravis; Alleged Reassignment of Staff); Sue and Settle; Super Fund Task Force; Travel; First Class Travel; Morocco; Non-Commercial Flights; Homebuilders Association Hotel; Advisory Panels (membership, grants); Definers Contract; Chlorpyrifos; Climate change strategic plan; Enforcement; Funding; DOJ Funding; emails; Environmental Justice; War on Lead; IRIS; grants process; meetings with industry; Narragansett Bay; Regulatory Task Force; Reorganizations; and VERA/ViSP.

Finally, the story will point out that, according to the preparations shown in this document, Mr. Pruitt may say that other people were responsible for the bulk of the recent spending and ethics issues like frequent first class travel, the SCIF and pay raises.

I will need a comment on this by 11 a.m, and of course if you have any other comment on Mr. Pruitt's plans for testifying before Congress tomorrow I will certainly include. I'll be out of pocket for the next hour but you can also call me on my cell after 8:30 a.m. if you'd like to speak directly.

Thanks so much,

Lisa

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Kelly, we expect these will continue for the next month, since EPA's voluntary buy-outs are being offered now, and they closing period is 9/2. Therefore, those who have decided to take the buy-outs and/or are eligible for retirement will probably follow with similar responses. We will do our best to mitigate, but want to make sure you all are aware.

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Here was the email from WaPo ...

From: Davidson, Joe [mailto:joe.davidson@washpost.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Washington Post deadline questions re: Elizabeth "Betsy" Southerland

Hello EPA,

I'm writing a Federal Insider column today about Elizabeth Southerland, director of the Office of Science and Technology in EPA's Office of Water. Her resignation is effective today. I'd like to get EPA reaction to her departure comments.

In a farewell message to her colleagues, Southerland says:

*the proposed FY18 budget cuts to state, tribal and federal environmental programs would result in thousands of jobs lost in the short term, in EPA, state and tribal governments, and the private environmental consulting firms which support those governmental agencies"

*the major budget cuts to EPA, state and tribal environmental programs and the potential repeal of many existing regulations and science documents is not a cooperative federalism approach. It is an industry deregulation approach based on abandonment of the polluter pays principle that underlies all environmental statutes and regulations. When the federal government abandons the polluter pays principle, it will be up to the states, tribes and local government to decide how much of the polluters bills they will ask their residents to take on. The best case for our children and grandchildren is that they will pay the polluters bills through increased state taxes, new user fees, and higher water and sewer bills. The worst case is that they will have to live with increased public health and safety risks and a degraded environment."

Southerland told me that EPA suffers from "the temporary triumph of myth over truth." She added: "Without giving EPA staff the chance to brief him on 30 different rules, the Administrator made the decision to grant industry requests, stay compliance dates, and reconsider the rules. He also issued press releases stating that these rules are job killers causing economic harm, indicating his reconsideration may be biased."

Does EPA have any comment on her remarks? I am on deadline.

Thank you.

Best,

Joe

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Hey guys we pitched this because the same Washington Post reporter who wrote about Mike Cox is writing about this. My guess is that once WaPo writes about Elizabeth Southland, the story will get legs so we wanted to get in front of it all instead of having another controversy like the Mike Cox stuff.

Below is my pitch.

Earlier this spring, there was an EPA employee who was eligible for retirement and claimed he was quitting because of Trump and his proposed budget, when in reality he was just retiring because he was eligible for his pension. Of course the liberal Washington Post and other outlets jumped on the news.

●■■■■■■■■ The Washington Post: EPA staffer leaves with a bang, blasting agency

policies under Trump – April 7, 2015

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2017/04/07/epa-staffer-leaves-with-a-bang-blasting-agency-policies-under-trump/?utm_term=.bf260e6e228a

Well another employee is doing the same thing and she's claiming that due to President Trump's proposed budget she is quitting, but it's widely known that presidential budgets – no matter what party you are from – never get rubberstamped by Congress. Below is the WaPo inquiry along with along with why the employee is claiming to retire.

Additionally, would also point out that last year Elizabeth Southerland made \$249,000. For comparison, a Senator or Congressman's salary is \$174,000 and the average American makes \$44,000 according the Census Bureau.

Curious if you would be interested in writing about this, because the left and environmentalists will make a big deal out of nothing.

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OFF-THE-RECORD RESEARCH ...

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(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2015, Elizabeth Southerland made \$183,300.

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In 2014, Elizabeth Southerland made \$181,500.

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(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

In 2011, Elizabeth Southerland made \$215,640.

(<https://www.federalpay.org/employees/environmental-protection-agency/southerland-elizabeth>, Accessed 07/31/17)

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Hot Air

Jazz Shaw

July 31, 2017 – 4:01 PM

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For their part, the EPA doesn't seem to be buying the "retirement" story either, but are still wishing Ms. Southerland a gracious bon voyage. This is from EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox.

"It's hard to believe that Elizabeth Southerland is retiring because of a budget proposal and not because she's eligible for her government pension. We wish Elizabeth Southerland the best in her retirement and the EPA will continue to re-focus on our core mission of protecting our air, land and water."

A generous and gracious farewell. I, for one, will wait to see if Elizabeth proves me wrong and turns down all those sweet taxpayer funded retirement benefits. Perhaps she could donate them all to the federal government's general fund to help out the less fortunate.

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Scott Pruitt Desperately Wants To Be Loved

He's created a media echo chamber.

Rebecca Leber JUL. 14, 2017 6:00 AM

Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt did something out of character this week: He gave a wide-ranging [interview](#) to a few mainstream media outlets in which he discussed a number of policy issues he's largely avoided talking about publicly since taking over the EPA.

The interviews were unusual not just because of the subjects he covered, but because of the venues, [Politico](#) and [Reuters](#). Since taking office, Pruitt has almost exclusively relied on a small number of conservative media outlets to tell an upbeat version of his leadership at the EPA, with occasional detours into the Sunday news shows. He's granted interviews to conservative writers at the *Wall Street Journal*, *Breitbart News*, *The Federalist*, and Murdoch-owned *New York Post*. He's taken to the airwaves to chat with conservative hosts on CNBC and Fox News, as well as MSNBC's Morning Joe. On a few occasions, Pruitt has done his version of town halls, taking questions from members of business groups like the Oklahoma's State Chamber of

Commerce—a familiar venue, since he was once the state’s attorney general—and conservative audiences at the Conservative Political Action Conference, Heritage Foundation, and The Federalist Society.

The EPA’s public affairs staff now focus on promoting mostly right-wing outlets, some with ties to the Trump administration, on the EPA’s social media feeds and in news releases. The result? An echo chamber cheerleading the EPA’s regulatory roll backs, Trump’s withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement, and its newfound anti-science denial.

Liz Purchia, a Obama-era EPA communications staffer, says the EPA’s attention to right-wing audiences resembles Trump’s tactics at the White House. “They’re tightly controlling [Pruitt’s] public events and interviews, which isolates him from most Americans and instead plays to Trump’s base,” Purchia said in an email. “They’re not trying to use communications tactics to reach a broad audience.”

Anyone who’s been paying attention to the news would see that the EPA would have a lot of information to share. It has begun to reverse a number of air, climate, water, and chemical regulations put forward during the Obama administration. In the last few weeks, Pruitt has delayed a methane regulation for oil and gas, a rule to prevent accidents at refineries and hazardous facilities, stricter standards for the air pollutant ozone, and a water rule that would have expanded clean water protections to streams. At the same time, Pruitt has refused to renew dozens of scientists’ positions on the EPA’s science advisory boards and wants to set up a new kind of task force to undermine climate science.

The disconnect is between EPA messaging and certain realities. From the way Pruitt and Trump administration staff have been telling it, the EPA is doing amazing things, as can be seen in a press release from the agency in mid-May that recapped “all of the good news from an EPA that is protecting the environment and American jobs.” Pruitt’s interviews and EPA press releases depict an agency that not only pleases industry and Republican “stakeholders”, it also delivers cleaner water, smarter science, and higher air quality. The almost universally denounced US pullout from the Paris climate agreement “was received well” by allies at the G7 environmental summit earlier this month, Pruitt reported to Trump at a Cabinet meeting.

One space that has served as a reliable Pruitt echo chamber has been on Hugh Hewitt’s radio show. Hewitt, a conservative radio host who contributes to the *Washington Post* and now for *MSNBC*, is a sympathetic interviewer. In one program he asked whether the “hyper-partisan” coverage of the EPA has been “wearying”—Pruitt replied that negative coverage is Obama’s fault. “I know you are not a climate denier,” Hewitt added, “I know you very well.” Hewitt didn’t explain how, but he might have a special insight into the inner workings of the EPA since his son, James, is a Trump appointee as an EPA Special Adviser for Public Affairs—a connection the talk show host disclosed in a recent *Washington Post* column praising the administrator for becoming a “domestic policy star.”

In that interview, which came the morning after the Paris decision, Hewitt asked Pruitt if his critics on the *New York Times* editorial board “have any agenda of persuasive engagement on genuine environmental progress with economic growth?” Pruitt expanded on Hewitt’s point, going on to complain that his critics are “climate exaggerators” interested only in partisan political rhetoric.

Besides seeking out friendly interviews, Pruitt repeatedly cites friendly columnists to

validate some of his most controversial actions. In a July interview with *Reuters*, he credits a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed written by Steve Koonin, a theoretical physicist who worked in Obama's Department of Energy, and Bret Stephens, a conservative *New York Times* columnist who dismisses some impacts of climate change, as the evidence of the legitimacy of his positions. He may even have wanted more support from them. In early June, *Stephens* said Pruitt "dragged me into" his press conference on the Paris decision. "I'm supposed to comment on the news, not be the news, so I tried to ignore it," Stephens wrote. "But I guess it's unignorable."

White House strategist Steve Bannon's former business, *Breitbart News*, has also been a reliable megaphone for Pruitt's EPA, despite a critical column it ran a few months ago about what the writer saw as Pruitt's reluctance to dismantle the EPA's climate change work. Since then, *Breitbart* and Pruitt have appeared to make up. As *Breitbart* gloated, it was the first media outlet where Pruitt floated his controversial proposal to form so-called a red, blue team exercise for a "transparent discussion about CO2."

Pruitt has also given relatively obscure conservative websites a higher profile, because of their favorable coverage of him. Consider the little-known conservative aggregation website called Need to Know Network (NTK), started by political operatives who are connected to America Rising. According to *Politico*, NTK was started by Joe Pounder who co-founded America Rising. An arm of America Rising, America Rising Squared, ran ads and a web-site sup-port-ing Pruitt before his confirmation hearings. In Facebook and Twitter posts and at least one news roundup, EPA has repeatedly showcased NTK's promotional spin:

Pruitt promised to "listen" as EPA administrator, but his media strategy appears to concentrate more on listening to the base and talking about his widespread support. For Pruitt, this might be the point. On its website, the EPA describes its mission "to protect human health and the environment." But Pruitt's goal is not protection, it's "winning." Winning exactly what is not clear, but the EPA is on message.

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But as I indicated above, most of this appears to be a smokescreen anyway. Southerland is eligible for retirement and it would be surprising indeed if she chose to eschew her government employee retirement benefits in some sort of principled stand. Those benefits should be impressive to say the least, since they are always based on the time in service and best salary of the worker. In the case of Ms. Southerland, she was doing quite well for herself on the taxpayer dime. In 2016 she earned just shy of a quarter million dollars, and has done similarly well (if a bit short of that) in other years

dating back to at least 2011 with the EPA when she earned \$215K. Good work if you can get it to be sure, so if she elects to walk out the door and forfeit her benefits because of her moral revulsion to the agency providing them to her, expect to see a column here from me glorifying her for her remarkable moral fortitude. (But I'm not holding my breath.)

For their part, the EPA doesn't seem to be buying the "retirement" story either, but are still wishing Ms. Southerland a gracious bon voyage. This is from EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox.

"It's hard to believe that Elizabeth Southerland is retiring because of a budget proposal and not because she's eligible for her government pension. We wish Elizabeth Southerland the best in her retirement and the EPA will continue to re-focus on our core mission of protecting our air, land and water."

A generous and gracious farewell. I, for one, will wait to see if Elizabeth proves me wrong and turns down all those sweet taxpayer funded retirement benefits. Perhaps she could donate them all to the federal government's general fund to help out the less fortunate.

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Subject: EPA and Go BIG Media, Inc.

Hey guys,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Go BIG Media, Inc. and EPA. Go BIG Media, a Republican media firm, signed a contract with EPA last month to help produce an “end of year report” (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>). I had some questions for you about this, which are:

■ Did Go BIG Media, Inc. work on EPA’s “EPA Year in Review 2017-2018” report (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/year_in_review_3.5.18.pdf)? If

so, what exactly did Go BIG Media do on the report? Editing? Graphics? Design? Please be specific as possible.

■• Did EPA pay Go BIG Media for this work on the report? If so, how much? According to [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data, \$0 of the contract has been obligated but Elliot Fuchs, Go BIG Media's controller, told me that EPA did pay the firm \$6,500 for its work for the agency. I wanted to check that with you to make sure it was accurate.

■• How did Go BIG Media end up doing this work for EPA? Who contacted who first?

■• Is Go BIG Media's work on this report required under the contract Go BIG Media signed with EPA last month for "design, graphics, production and edits of the EPA end of year report" (<https://www.usaspending.gov/#/award/61802028>)?

■• The [USAspending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov) data shows there were two offers received for this contract. Who else bid for this contract?

■• Go BIG Media is a Republican media firm. The last time a Republican firm, Definers Corp., had a contract with EPA, Definers ended up losing its contract with EPA. Are you worried about a similar backlash to this contract?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 12:30 pm EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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Kaelan and Team: Attached is our daily report.

Thank you,

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